

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as noted.

1. (currently amended) A guide roller with at least one roller body set and one inner race in the form of a pin (2) that is located inside of a receiving opening (18) of an outer race (10), whereby the inner race contains an axial flange at each outer end which is located inside a first groove (12) of the outer race (10) so that an axial shift of the outer race (10) with respect to the inner race is limited and whereby in the first groove (12), [another] a second groove (13) is present at each end that extends axially inwardly and radially outwardly and that contains a sealing element, the sealing element (14) is formed in one piece in a T-shape with a first axial sealing portion (15) located securely on [the] a shoulder of the respective axial flange, a second sealing portion (16) that extends radially outwardly is located within the second groove (13) with a gap between an end of the second sealing portion and the second groove to form a labyrinth gap seal in a neutral position of the outer race, and a third sealing portion (17) that extends radially inwardly branches off from the first sealing portion (15) at an inner end thereof so that axial contact of the shoulder and the outer race (10) is prevented by the third sealing portion (17), the third sealing portion (17) has a generally constant width and extends in a direction that deviates radially from a perpendicular median by an angle α , and is provided with evenly spaced slots.

Please cancel claims 2 and 3.

Please add new claims 8 and 9, as follows:

8. A guide roller according to claim 1, wherein upon axial shifting of the outer race from the neutral position, the end of the second sealing portion of the sealing element on the end of the inner race opposite to a direction of the axial shifting contacts the second groove.

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9. A guide roller according to claim 8, wherein a transition portion between the second and third sealing portions of the sealing element on the end of the inner race in the direction of the axial shifting contacts the outer race.